Understanding by Design – Petal Pushers	Desired Results	
Goals of Program	Transfer	
 Enrich their understanding of place through inquiry. Experience National Parks as places for learning and recreation and develop a personal connection with their local national park. Understand the uniqueness of the Presidio Native plant habitat. 	Students will be able to independently use their learning to: • Engage in scientific inquiry and prediction.	
Content Area Standards	Meaning	
	Enduring Understandings	Essential Questions
California's Common Core State Standards Speaking and Listing: 1.3: Engage effectively in a range of collaboration discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher lead). Writing Standards: 2: Write explanatory texts 3.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events. Next Generation Science Standards: 3-LS4-2: How the variation in in characteristics among individuals of the same species may provide advantage in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing. 3-LS4-3: In a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all.	• Understand plants have specific life cycles and habitat adaptations. • Individuals and communities can help protect and preserve natural environments.	How do plants reveal their secrets?
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	Students will know: • Plants adapt to a changing environment • Elements of the scientific method.	 Students will be able to Pose questions from their own observations. Plan and conduct experiments.

	Explain how plants adapt for survival in the Presidio.Report findings.
Evidence Students will show their learning by	
Students will show their learning by Completion of individual and group work in journal.	
Chose the part of a plant (leaves, roots, stems, flowers). Write and illustrate a poem that shows the adaptations of this plant part. Be certain to use descriptive words and information from your journal. Or Create your own story of how plants have adapted to the changing environment in the Presidio.	